



CLARENDON SCHOLARS' ASSOCIATION

FRESHERS GUIDE 2022



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WELCOME MESSAGE

Dear Brilliant Clarendon Freshers,

Welcome to the Clarendon Family and the University of Oxford! As a 2022 Clarendon Scholar, you are joining a community of Oxford's most prestigious and diverse postgraduates, coming from over 70 different countries and studying every subject area. You'll find that our community is vibrant, inviting, and exceptionally engaged both academically and culturally—there is an abundance of fun to have, friends to make, and dreams to realize!

As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, we're taking the opportunity to both cherish our past and envision our future. Clarendon began with just two scholars in 2002, and now in 2022 we have 230 Freshers joining us, bringing our total number of current Clarendon Scholars to over 450! We're in a period of exciting and transformative growth, and we enthusiastically invite you to join us in shaping the future of Clarendon. Among several other new expansive endeavors, we're ecstatic that we're in the process of forming our official Clarendon Alumni Association in partnership with the University, which will allow us to ensure our Clarendon Family stays connected personally and professionally beyond Oxford.

But before we start getting ahead of ourselves, we want you all to experience our sensational Freshers Week! This is a thrilling, once-in-a-lifetime experience, and we encourage you all to enjoy every minute of it! For many of our Scholars, beautiful memories and the beginnings of lifelong friendships and networks are formed during Freshers Week so we hope to see you at as many events as your stamina allows.

The Clarendon Council is here to serve you during Freshers Week and beyond, and we make it our mission to help you make the most out of your time at Oxford. It's our aim to provide you with an exhilarating range of social, academic, and professional events during each term, and we always welcome new ideas and feedback so don't hesitate to get in touch. If you're already keen to contribute to the Clarendon Family, there's no shortage of opportunities, including joining the Council at the end of Michaelmas during our Annual General Meeting. More on this in the coming weeks!

We'll be releasing our spectacular term card for Michaelmas in Week 1, but for now, hang on for the Freshers Week ride!

Wishing you well,
Nikki Rae Marston Bailey
2022 President
Clarendon Scholars' Council



THE ASSOCIATION



A place to build long-lasting social, academic, and professional connections within a lively community.

The Clarendon Scholars' Association plays an integral part in ensuring the Clarendon community spirit. Although the community has evolved over time, the purpose has remained the same. The Association seeks to advance the education of members by providing opportunities in leisure time activities, social welfare and, in particular, their personal, physical, and cultural development. Although this can sound daunting, the principle is to ensure Clarendon scholars experience a range of educational and social activities depending on their preferences. This network for engagement is separate from those of academic departments or colleges, and brings together uniquely like-minded people for the formation of life-long friendships and shared intellectual curiosity.

At the heart of the community is the Clarendon Scholars' Council. Elected annually, the Council offers a full programme of events across the year. Term cards normally include a range of activities such as Clarendon lectures and symposiums, cultural and historical trips, and a wide range of sports and recreational activities. The Council also aims to facilitate opportunities for personal and professional development, as well as opportunities to build connections with partnership scholarship groups and professional networks.

THE COUNCIL

The Clarendon Scholars' Council is at the heart of the Clarendon community and vital to the ongoing success of the scholarships. The Clarendon Scholars' Council is made up of a number of annually elected positions and includes the Official Member, a permanent representative from the University. The Council is, by resolution, responsible for advancing the Clarendon Scholars' Association objectives and the management of the allocated funding. Their primary role is to help facilitate the activities of the Clarendon Scholars' Association by organising a range of events across the year.

The Council's goal is to foster a positive, stimulating and inspiring academic community which serves as a launch pad for the future.

Whether it's ballet or football, opera or graffiti art, charity runs or community outreach programmes, formal dinners or library study dates, the Clarendon Scholars' Council has got an event for you or if not, they soon will with your input!

Our Portfolios



Dining



Social



Academic



Outreach



Cultural



External

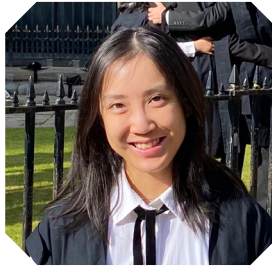


Diversity

OUR TEAM



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NEED TO KNOW!

THE COLLEGE SYSTEM

The University of Oxford is a collegiate research university. The colleges are the social center of the university and an integral part of every student's life. A usual tradition for freshers is to go to the maximum number of colleges possible and complete the College checklist. All colleges have some common things that you will wonder about and some unique characteristics that you will be fascinated with. Here is the college checklist for you:

Balliol College
Brasenose College
Christ Church College
Corpus Christi College
Exeter College
Green Templeton College
Hertford College
Harris Manchester College
Jesus College
Keble College
Kellogg College
Lady Margaret Hall
Lincoln College
Linacre College
Magdalen College
Mansfield College
Merton College
New College
Nuffield College
Oriell College



Clarendon Potluck @ Lady Margret Hall
Photo by Ayako Hatano



Formal @St Hilda's. Photo by Diyi Liu

Pembroke College
The Queen's College
Regent's Park College
Reuben College
St. Ann's College
St. Benet's Hall
St. Catherine's College
St. Antony's College
St. Cross College
St. Edmund Hall
St. Hilda's College
St. Hugh's College
St. John's College
St. Peter's College
Somerville College
Trinity College
University College
Wadham College
Wolfson College
Worcester College
Wycliffe Hall

WINE & DINE

Oxford's pubs are almost as renowned as its colleges. Oxford has more pubs than you can shake a stick at. Take the chance to see (and drink) where J.R.R. Tolkien, C.S. Lewis, William Shakespeare, and other great minds spent their time. The Oxford student experience is incomplete without a crossed-out pub crawl poster.

Bear Inn: The Bear Inn is proud of being Oxford's oldest surviving pub; people have been drinking and carousing on this spot since 1242. The current buildings date from the 17th century. Bear Inn is also known for its somewhat unexpected yet impressive collection of old ties, representing sports teams, colleges, and university clubs.



2020 Scholar Pub Social. Photo by Ajantha Abey

Turf Tavern: There's almost no way that you would stumble across The Turf Tavern by accident. Hidden away and only accessed by two small alleys, the Turf is a pub that's worth a little effort. It has a pretty beer garden, half-timbered building, and comfortable interior. You can find the old city wall in the garden.

The Trout: Located a little way out of Oxford city center (40min walk through Port Meadow), it is protected from tourists but still very busy during summer because of the amazing outdoor riverside terrace. It's worth the journey for sure, even if just to know you've earned the food you eat once you get there!

The Old Bookbinders: A lot of the best pubs in Oxford are buried deep in the small streets of Jericho, and The Old Bookbinders Ale House is no exception. This family-run pub focuses on two things – good ale and good food – the kind that keeps their clientele returning again and again.

The Victoria Arms: Situated on the banks of the River Cherwell in Old Marston, The Victoria Arms is a stunning riverside pub and restaurant with mooring available for punts on the River Cherwell. The Victoria offers traditional pub charm with beautiful interiors, a heated terrace, and huge beer gardens overlooking the river.

The Perch: If you want nothing more than to feel like a Hobbit but can't reach New Zealand, the Perch is the place for you. After a trip through Port Meadow and through a small unassuming garden arch you'll reach a magical garden pub with fairy lights, plenty of seating and delicious food. You can also order takeaway and sit by the river to soak in the fresh country air.

Wanna hear a joke? Decaf

Oxford's cafe culture has always been excellent. You'll find independent coffee shops tucked amongst the gorgeous sandstone buildings and winding alleys of the city. Lounging students supposedly studying for their next tutorial, locals taking a break from a busy day, friends meeting up for a quick chat – the cafes in Oxford sit at the heart of its social scene.

Vaults & Garden, Radcliffe Square: Set inside St Mary's Church, this gorgeous cafe has inside and outside seating. Choose to eat outside in Oxford by relaxing at a table in the garden overlooking the Radcliffe Camera, the most iconic and photographed building in Oxford.

Tree Artisan Cafe, Little Clarendon Street: For something a bit fancy try Tree Artisan Cafe. Rainbow bagels, gourmet baguettes and belgium chocolate hot chocolates are few of the delicacies on offer.

Barefoot Bakery, North Parade: There is no better place for cakes and brownies than Barefoot: a family run Oxford business that bakes fresh homestyle but decadent desserts. Most stock runs out early, so drop by in the morning for the freshest (and still warm) filled donuts, pastries and cupcakes.

GAIL'S Bakery, Little Clarendon Street: GAIL's is not just an Oxford coffee shop but also a bakery. Many get into a habit of coming to GAIL's to grab a coffee and leaving with a cinnamon swirl for breakfast and a coconut macaroon for lunch.

Columbia Coffee Roasters, Covered Market: This favorite Oxford cafe grows and roasts their quality coffee beans in Colombia, of course! You can drink inside or outside come rain or shine since even the tables 'outside' are protected by the roof of the Covered Market.

Brew Coffee, North Parade: The coffee shop sitting in quiet North parade Street, serving up coffee from espresso to pour-over as well perfectly infused teas and home-made cakes, they also stock coffee to buy from all over the world as well as everything you need to make the perfect cup of coffee at home!

Must-go places in Oxford



Ice Cream Party at the University Park
Photo by Junyao Zhang

Oxford is one of the oldest and most famous university towns in Europe. Its untrammelled spirit of exploration, numerous delightful gardens, courtyards, and university parks create an extraordinary atmosphere. Harry Potter fans may be interested to learn that various Oxford landmarks appeared in the movies.

University Church of St. Mary the Virgin: Considered one of the oldest university buildings in the world, this is a superb example of Church Architecture from the 13th century. A highlight of your visit should be climbing its finely decorated tower. Built around 1280, this vantage point offers excellent views of the city and the surrounding countryside.



The Bodleian library and Radcliffe Camera: The Bodleian is the institute's main research library and one of the oldest in Europe, dating back over 400 years. It houses ancient manuscripts, rare books, printed ephemera, and maps. The Radcliffe Camera (1737) is one of the most photographed places in Oxford. The 16-sided room on the ground floor is now a reading room for the Bodleian Library.

Ashmolean Museum and Natural History Museum: The Ashmolean Museum is the world's second university museum and Britain's first-ever public museum. It was built between 1678 and 1683. The Neoclassical building houses a magnificent collection of art and antiquities, including classical sculpture, Far Eastern art, and Greek and Roman pottery. One of the other museums of Oxford is the Natural History Museum. It takes pride in its fascinating anthropological and archaeological collection.



Ashmolean Statue Gallery Reception
Photos by Junyao Zhang

Christ Church college and cathedral: Christ Church is an unmissable Oxford attraction because of its majestic architecture, literary heritage, and a double identity as part of Harry Potter's Hogwarts. A highlight here is the Renaissance Great Hall, the college's jaw-dropping dining room, with its hammer-beam roof and portraits of past scholars.

Oxford Castle and prison: Oxford Castle has been a place of incarceration since 1071, continuing until the closure of Her Majesty's Prison Oxford in 1996. Highlights include the chance to climb the Saxon St. George's Tower, Oxford's oldest building, and enjoy its stunning 360-degree views. Afterward, descend deep underground into the 900-year-old crypt.

Fun Run! Or Walk...

Whether you fancy a lovely jaunt through the historic city center of Oxford or an escape to the picturesque countryside, there are many walking routes and running paths in Oxford that are perfect for meandering along.



Pizza party in the wild. Photo by Ajantha Abey

Castle Mill stream walk: One of the most famous and easily accessible walking/ running paths is the canal path starting from Walton well road towards Wolvercote. This walk is the best of both worlds – a little bit of city and a little bit of countryside.

Port meadow: Just a few minutes walk from the city center, you may find another attraction that offers all the countryside's advantages – fresh air, inspiring wildlife, and a great collection of country pubs. If you're lucky, a few cattle or horses might be roaming the fields with you.

Christ Church meadow: Christ Church meadow is an extremely popular walking and picnic destination in Oxford. The meadow offers excellent views of the Christ Church college and is the perfect place to relax amongst nature.

Walk up to Wytham Woods: If you are a fan of long walks, possibly the most beautiful and intriguing is walking up to the Wytham Woods through Port meadow. You can enjoy the enchanting scenery of Wytham hill behind the river Thames. It is around 1.5 hours away from the city center on foot. It offers a great view of the city from the top of the hill.

Bank Accounts

You must have a UK bank account to receive your scholarship. You should first check if your current bank has a branch in Oxford. If you plan to open a new bank account, the common bank choices are as follows:

	Lloyds	Barclays	HSBC	Santander	Monzo/Sterling
Opening new account	Online application on website + verification in bank	Online application in-app	Online application on website	Online application on website	Online application in-app
Time to receive cards	5-7 days	5 days	4 days	5-7 days	3-5 days
Debit card	Yes, it can be used in the UK and abroad				
Contactless card	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes, but not for Basic Current Account	Yes
Internet and mobile banking	Offered by all banks				
International transfer	All banks have a high currency conversion charge. It may be better to use Transferwise/Moneygram app				

Up to date as of September 2022.

For most banks, you may need some or all of the following documents to open an international bank account:

i) An up-to-date passport ii) A valid visa iii) Student Enrolment certificate pdf or print-out a proof of address iv) A bank statement from your home bank, from the past three months v) A UK mobile number.

Sim Card

Pay as you go sims are most useful and available in regular mobile shops. These can also be ordered online to be delivered to your accommodation. Monthly contract registered sims can also be purchased. Recommended carriers are:

1) Three 2) O₂ 3) Giffgaff 4) Vodafone 5) For international students, Lyca and Lebara provide some free minutes to several countries and offers cheap international call rates. Note! O₂ and Vodafone tend to afford the strongest and most widespread signal.

General Living Tips

Groceries: For your day-to-day food shopping, Oxford is not short of supermarkets. There are decent-sized Tescos and Sainsbury's in the city center and on Cowley Road, and Co-ops in Jericho and Headington. Headington and Botley also have Waitrose if you're feeling fancy. There are also smaller newsagents and specialist food shops around the city. Don't forget the Covered Market, Gloucester Green market, and the city's farmers' markets, all of which can be excellent places to stock up on fruit and veg.

Bike: Generally, students find second-hand bikes as new bikes are costly (around £400). The Oxford student swap Facebook page is the best place to get cheap but properly working second-hand bikes, where many outgoing students sell out their unnecessary things. Diallyinfo.co.uk/oxford also offers a range of second-hand items from bicycles to electronics. All the cycle shops in the city also offer second-hand refurbished bikes for a reasonable price. Bike locks and bike lights are two must-have things for every rider. It's a good idea to buy a secure U lock (with cable around the front wheel) for security and front/rear lights when the sun goes down (a legal requirement).

Clothes: There are many good clothing stores around Oxford. The most appropriate place to fulfill your fashion wishes would be Westgate shopping center. The Primark store there is a go-to place among students for cheap but good-looking clothes. The M&S store also offers a wide range of clothing options. TK max store in the Clarendon shopping center is another well-known retail shop. Walters of Oxford and Shepherd and Woodward are the university-recommended shops for buying academic dress.

Food shopping and eating out: Oxford will have something to suit your budget for those times you feel like something different. Here is a selection of some of the most prized eats in Oxford; these independent gems are all affordable, tasty, and veggie-friendly:

Gloucester Green market (open wed-sat lunchtime)

Covered market (everyday till 5 pm)

Najar's Place (open every day)

Alternative Tuck shop (open weekdays)

FRESHERS WEEK 2022!



Scan the QR code to see all event details and important information. Be sure to check every night for any last-minute updates like weather contingency plans!

Check out your guide to Freshers week 2022 - a chance to meet your cohort of fellow scholars, make long-lasting friendships, explore Oxford and have copious amounts of fun.

This guide is designed to provide you with an “all-in-one” booklet containing specific event information and meeting locations for each of the 15 events that we have planned. You can check out the full schedule for the week (September 26th - October 3rd) on the next two pages.

Each event then has its own page, with timing, attire, required items, location, and other important details. We'll be sending you all emails throughout the week for events you've registered for, and up-to-date information on events will be added to our Freshers' Week 2022 homepage on our website (Scan the QR code to be taken to this!)

September 26th - October 3rd

FRESHERS WEEK 2022!

Morning Afternoon Evening

**Mon
Sep 26**

**BOTANICAL
GARDENS
10:00 am**

*Freshers
Welcome
Reception*
Oxford University
Press
6:30 pm

**Tues
Sep 27**

Breakfast
New College
8:00 am

**Oxford
Tours
2:00 & 3:00
pm**

Céilidh
Lincoln College
6:30 pm

**Wed
Sep 28**

**FUN RUN!
(OR WALK)**
Christ Church
Meadows
10:00 am

*High
Tea*
Corpus Christi
2:30 pm

**Pub
night
7:00 pm**

Thurs
Sep 29

Yoga

Lincoln College
9:00 am

**SCAVENGER
HUNT**
1:30 pm

*Fund's
Reception*
Maths Institute
5:30 pm

Fri
Sep 30

**caffeinated
Stroll**
Tree Artisan Cafe
10:00 am

PUNTING
Magdalen
Bridge
1:00 pm

*Riverside
Sairée*
St. Hilda's
6:00 pm

Sat
Oct 1

**Amazing
Race!**

University Parks
11:00 am

**Amazing
Race!**
(Post-Event
Pizza)

Sun
Oct 2
Mon
Oct 3

SUNDAY
Rain Date
for
Amazing
Race!

SUNDAY
Rain Date
for
Amazing
Race!

MONDAY
*Dinner
Finale!*
6:00 pm



Botanic Garden Walk



Mon, Sept 26 @10am



Bring your ID (Bod card if you have it)



Casual



Oxford Botanic Garden, Rose Ln, OX1 4AZ

Last year Oxford's dazzling Botanic Garden celebrated its 400th anniversary! These exquisite gardens are home to over 5000 different plant species, and you're warmly invited to discover them with your new Clarendon Family. A place of tranquility, colour, and life, a walk through the gardens with new friends will give you time to enjoy nature after traveling to Oxford—and to get ready for a full-on Freshers Week!



Welcome Reception at OUP



Mon, Sept 26 @6:30pm



Smiling faces!



Smart casual/Cocktail attire



Oxford University Press,
Great Clarendon St, OX2
6DP

Welcome to Oxford and the Clarendon Family! Our Freshers Week formally begins with our Clarendon Council Welcome Reception at the stunning Oxford University Press. At this event you'll get to socialize with your new Freshers cohort (our largest ever at 230!), and there will be bubbly and cupcakes in abundance to celebrate Clarendon's 20th birthday. Our Council will introduce ourselves to you all, and you'll get some important information about life as a Clarendon Scholar and the transformative growth that's been happening recently. You'll also get your Welcome Bag, your Freshers' Guide, and a few tips on Freshers Week! This event is the perfect way to orient yourself to your time at Oxford.

Breakfast

New College
Tues. Sept 27 @8:00am



Breakfast at New College



Tues, Sept 27 @8am



Empty stomach



Casual



New College
Holywell St, OX1 3BN

They always say breakfast is the most important meal of the day, right? Come and get properly fueled for a full-on day at the stunning New College, which is actually rather old. We'll be having a classic full English breakfast so come with an empty stomach! We gladly welcome everyone of all dietary needs so no need to worry if bacon and eggs aren't for you! If breakfast isn't enough to entice you, some serious Harry Potter vibes are on offer at New College.



Uncomfortable Oxford Tour



Tues, Sep 27
@2pm/2.30pm/3pm



Walking shoes,
waterproof clothes



Casual



Carfax Tower, Queen St, OX1
1ET

Join your fellow Freshers on the Original Uncomfortable Oxford Tour, a perfect introductory expedition in Oxford! Led by experienced Oxford student tour guides, this 1.5 hour tour engages with the politics of memory in the city and University. It covers histories of empire, inequality, and race, class, and gender discrimination, highlighting how these legacies have an enduring impact on our modern lives. This is a tour you definitely don't want to miss!

Be sure to look out for the guide who has the Uncomfortable Oxford tote bag!



Céilidh at Lincoln College



Tues, Sept 27 @6:30pm



Water bottles and sensible shoes



Creative but functional



Lincoln College, Turl Street, OX1 3DR

Whether you've got two left feet or are about to join the cast of Dancing With the Stars, a traditional, Scottish-Irish Céilidh is the perfect dance event for you! And the best part is that you don't even have to know the steps! We have a Céilidh "caller" who will read us out the group instructions and the we stomp, twirl, and build those cool line bridges you run under to our hearts' content (to the tune of some fine Gaelic music). This is truly for people of all (and absolutely zero) dancing ability, and is a boatload of fun! Kilts are optional, but if you have one we would love for it to make an appearance.



SOCIAL RUN!

*Christ Church Meadows
Wed. Sept 28 @10am*

Social Run! Or Walk



Wed, Sept 28 @10am



Running shoes and
water bottles



Casual



Christ Church Tom Tower,
OX1 4JF

Whether you're on pace with Eliud Kipchoge or prefer to stroll at your leisure, join us to get your heart rate up (or slightly elevated) and get energized for another full day of Freshers' events! We'll begin at the glorious Christ Church Meadows and divide into groups with differing routes based on desired length. We'll get to take in some scenic views of Oxford, and you'll definitely work up an appetite for High Tea in the afternoon!



High Tea

Corpus Christi
Wed. Sept 28 @2:30pm

High Tea at Corpus Christi



Wed, Sept 28 @2:30pm



Your best manners!



Smart casual



Corpus Christi College, Merton
St, OX1 4JF

They may have missed a trick by not calling themselves Corpus ChrisTEA, but their high tea can't be faulted! While away the afternoon in Corpus' beautiful Tudor dining hall and catch up with your fellow Scholars over sandwiches, savouries, cakes, and the classic teatime tradition of debating the correct pronunciation of "scone."



Pub Night



Wed, Sept 28 @7pm



Cash/Card for food and drinks



Casual



TBC (Check the website for location announcement)

Oxford is perhaps as renowned for its pubs as its libraries—rumor has it that there are over 750 pubs in Oxfordshire! Venture to one (or more) of them with your fellow Freshers and current Scholars, and have a good old chat with your new friends over drinks and fish and chips. You'll be in small groups with a leader going to a variety of different classic pubs, and make sure to bring your wallet to pay your bill!

(And if you're not the drinking type, grab a refreshing Coke and some delicious nibbles. No pressure to drink in Clarendon!)



Yoga

Lincoln College
Thurs. Sept 29
@9:00am

Morning Yoga



Thurs, Sept 29 @9am



A yoga mat or blanket if you have one



Comfortable clothes



Lincoln College, Turl Street,
OX1 3DR

After all those events it's time for a midweek chill! Start the day with a 1-hour Vinyasa yoga class led by our very own certified Clarendon Yoga instructor (and Council member), Kasia. All levels are welcome with no experience required. We will zone out with classic yoga poses and practice fluid movements and relaxation. You might even find your inner peace or perhaps touch your toes for the first time. If you've got a yoga mat please bring it with you.



Scavenger Hunt!



Thurs, Sept 29
@1:30pm



Walking shoes & waterproof
clothes



Casual



In front of Trinity College,
Broad Street, OX1 3BH

Battle it out team-style with your fellow scholars as you track down clues scattered across the city – a perfect opportunity to explore your new Oxford home (and to let out your competitive streak)! Unravel cryptic clues that will take you through alleyways and to hidden icons throughout Oxford. Try to spot as many clues as possible, and en route, be sure to take pictures of the plethora of famous and majestic places in the city. The top three teams will receive prizes! Further secret instructions coming to those who sign-up.

CAFFEINATED STROLL

Oxford's Best Cafes
Fri. Sept 30 @10:00am



Caffeinated Stroll



Fri, Sept 30 @10am



Cash or card for food and drinks



Casual



Multiple locations (TBD)

It's been a busy week – come along for a dose of much-needed caffeine and enjoy a meandering stroll round Oxford with your fellow Scholars. Meet at Tree Artisan Cafe (Little Clarendon St), where current Scholars will be on hand to suggest routes (and their favourite cakes). Be sure to bring your wallet to pay for your beverage(s) of choice! No judgment if you've got a coffee in both hands.



Punting



Fri, Sept 30 @1pm



Comfortable shoes and waterproof clothes



Casual



Magdalen Bridge Boathouse,
High St, OX1 4AU

The classic Oxford summer pursuit: punting! Test out your sea legs as you journey along the River Cherwell with your companions. Guidance and instruction provided for first-time punters, so fear not! We have confidence in your ability to stay in the punt and out of the river! Since you'll have only one member of your punting party with pole-in-hand at a time, you'll get to spend a fair amount of time relaxing in the punt and taking in the gorgeous scenery so bringing snacks and drinks is recommended! Pretending you're in an Evelyn Waugh novel is virtually obligatory.



Riverside Soirée

St. Hilda's College
Fri. Sept 30 @6:00pm

Riverside Soirée



Fri, Sept 30 @6pm



Comfortable shoes



Smart casual/Cocktail
attire



St Hilda's College,
Cowley PI, OX4 1DY

End your Friday with a marvelous soir ee on the picturesque riverbank of St. Hilda's grounds. Your night will be filled with exceptional company, superb finger food, drinks, ice cream, lawn games, and a few surprises! This is an event you don't want to miss.



2nd Annual **Amazing Race!**

University Parks
Sat. Oct 1 @11:00am

Amazing Race



Sat, Oct 1 @11am



Comfortable shoes



Exercise clothes



University Parks, S Parks
Rd, OX1 3RF

What better way to spend your Saturday than in an outdoor Team Challenge Extravaganza with your new Clarendon friends?! Your team will be tested with 12 challenges to overcome (some for the mind and some for the muscle), and you'll be awarded with points based on how well you complete your given task. Prizes go out to the top three teams! You might find yourself wrapped in toilet paper from head to toe or having your wits tested whilst hula hooping... and we won't give away anything else here so you'll have to sign up to find out more. We'll all celebrate the victorious with pizza post-event. A portion of our ticket proceeds for this event will be donated to charity.

Dinner Finale!

Head of the River
Mon. Oct 3 @6:00pm



Dinner Finale!



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Card for additional drinks



Smart Casual



Head of the River, St
Aldate's, OX1 4LB

Close out a stellar Clarendon Freshers Week with a dinner at the Head of the River with all your new friends. Enjoy a sensational buffet and dessert selection and take a moment to bask in majesty of the River and the joy of having a new family at Oxford. That's all, folks!

AMONG THE STARS



CLARENDON BALL 2022



